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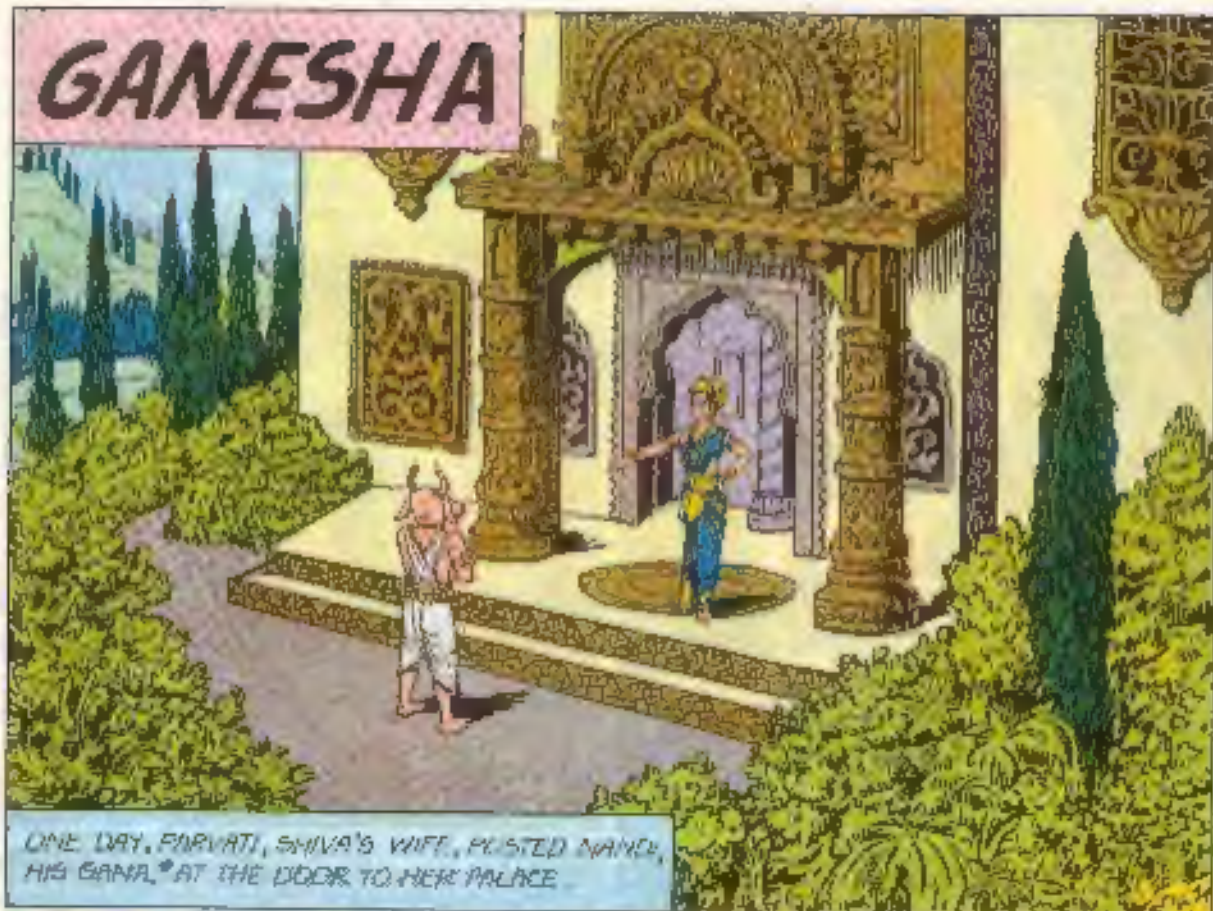
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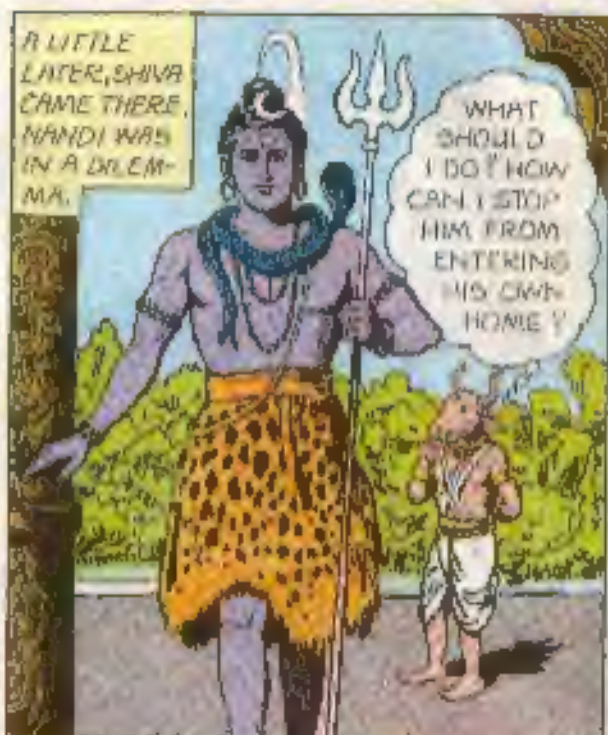
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ONE DAY, PARVATI, SHIVA'S WIFE, POSTED NANDI, HIS GANA,* AT THE DOOR TO HER PALACE.



I AM GOING TO HAVE MY BATH. DO NOT LET ANYONE ENTER AND DISTURB ME.



A LITTLE LATER, SHIVA CAME THERE. NANDI WAS IN A DILEMMA.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? HOW CAN I STOP HIM FROM ENTERING HIS OWN HOME?

SHIVA ENTERED THE PALACE AND STRODE INTO THE INNER ROOMS.



MY LORD, HERE I BUT NANDI WAS TOLD...

NANDI HAS DISOBEYED ME. YOU MAY BE MY HUSBAND BUT HE HAD NO RIGHT TO LET YOU ENTER!

HA!
HA!



SHIVA WAS AMUSED BUT PARVATI WAS ANNOYED.

I MUST HAVE A GANA OF MY OWN WHO WILL OBEY ME ALONE.



SHE SPOKE TO HER FRIENDS ABOUT IT.

YOU ARE RIGHT. NONE OF THE GANAS CAN REALLY BE CALLED YOUR OWN.



ONE OF THEM HAD AN IDEA

WHY DON'T YOU CREATE
A SANA WHO WILL OWE
FIRST ALLEGIANCE
TO YOU?

A GOOD
SUGGESTION,
I SHALL



SHE GATHERED THE SAFFRON PASTE
FROM HER OWN BODY AND CREATED A BOY.



WHEN SHE FINISHED, SHE GAZED IN ADMIRATION AT HER OWN CREATION.

HOW HANDSOME
HE IS! HOW
STRONG HE
LOOKS!



SHE DECKED HIM WITH ORNAMENTS
AND BLESSED HIM, THEN -

YOU ARE MY
SON - MY
VERY OWN
SON. I HAVE
NONE ELSE
TO CALL MY
OWN.

COMMAND
ME, MOTHER.
WHAT
SHOULD I DO?

TAKE THIS
STAFF AND
FOLLOW ME.

SHE LED HIM TO THE DOOR.

STAND HERE AND LET NO
ONE ENTER WITHOUT
MY PERMISSION.

A LITTLE LATER -

WHO COULD THAT
BOY BE? I HAVE
NEVER SEEN
HIM BEFORE.





BUT THE YOUTH ONLY RAISED HIS STAFF AND HIT SHIVA ONCE AGAIN.



SHIVA TURNED TO HIS GANAS.

WHO IS THAT FOOL? WHAT IS HE DOING THERE? THROW HIM OUT AND REPORT TO ME.



SHIVA LEFT AND THE GANAS TURNED UPON THE YOUTH.

GET AWAY WITH YOU OR YOU WILL RECEIVE A TASTE OF MY VALOUR.

YOU GET AWAY FROM HERE, IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE.

YOU SEEM TO FORGET THAT WE ARE SHIVA'S GANAS.



THE YOUTH STOOD STILL FOR A WHILE, HE WAS PUZZLED.



MEANWHILE, INDOORS PARVATI HAD HEARD THE COMMOTION, SHE SENT HER FRIEND OUT.



THE FRIEND SOON RETURNED.



PARVATI HESITATED FOR A MOMENT.





REPA SHIVA SHALL
NOT ENTER WITHOUT
MY MOTHER'S
PERMISSION



NOW THE GANDS WERE JEALOUS

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HIM OUT?



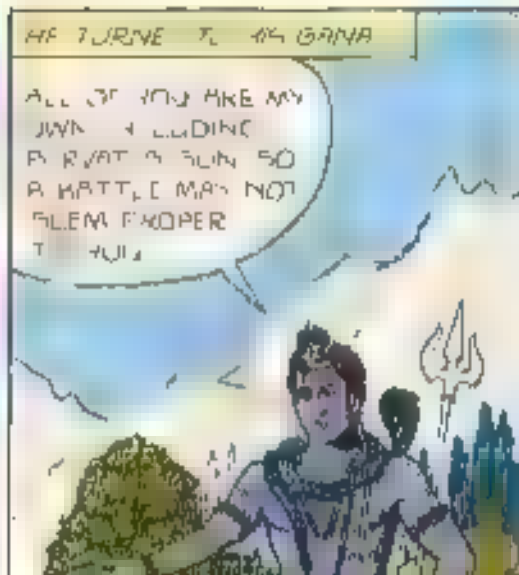
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ALAS, PARVAT YOU HAVE
GONE TOO FAR YOU
HAVE LEFT ME WITH
NO ALTERNATIVE





THE GANG, FULLY ARMED FOR WAR, WENT BACK
TO THE BOY HE WAS AMUSED WHEN HE SAW THEM

A MERE BOY CARRYING ON
MY MOTHER'S ORDERS, WELL,
I AM THE LEADER
OF SHIVA'S HORSES



THE BOY WAS A HIM



WAND, GRABBE HIS PIG



BUT

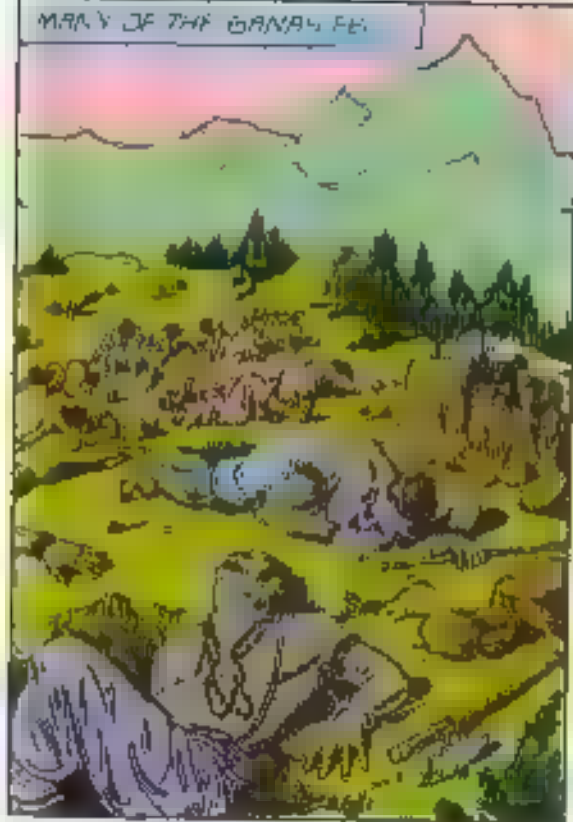
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MATTER



IF THE PRINCE OF THE IRON CLUB AND WHIRL ABOUT



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HIS PART AT HE DOUR

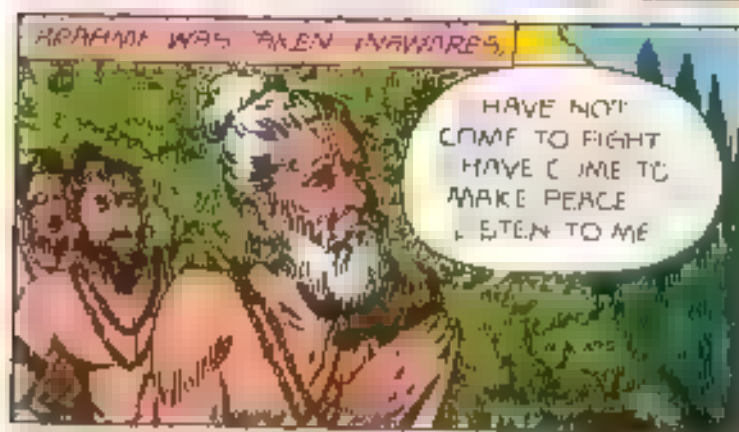


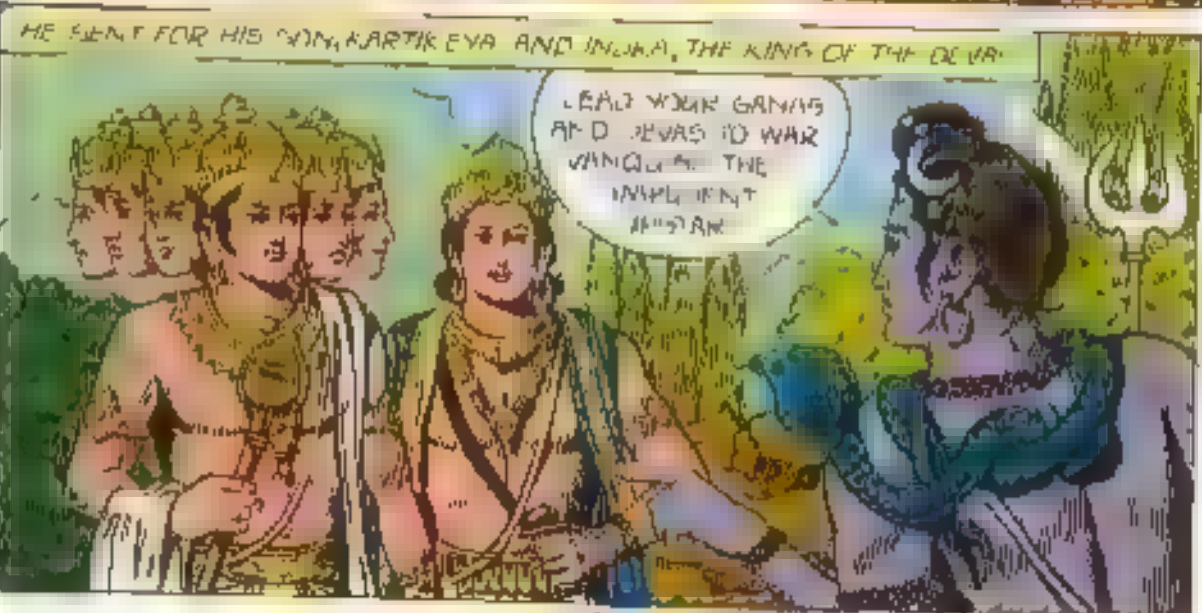
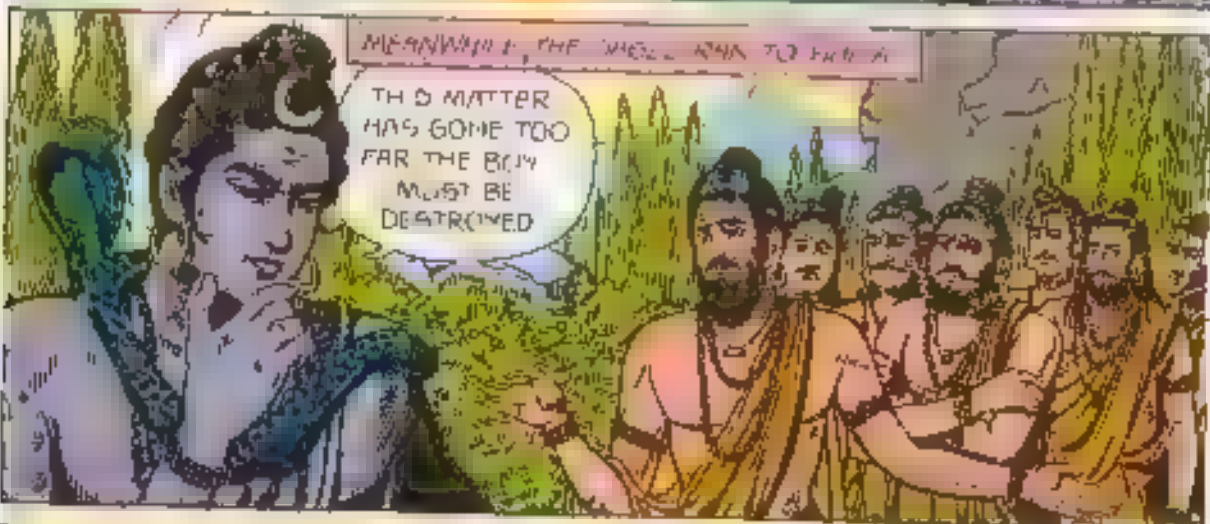
MEANWHILE WHEN BRAHMA, VISHNU AND INDRA
HEARD HE INQUIRY, THEY TALKED THE MATTER
OVER WITH SAGE NIRADH



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BE
IF



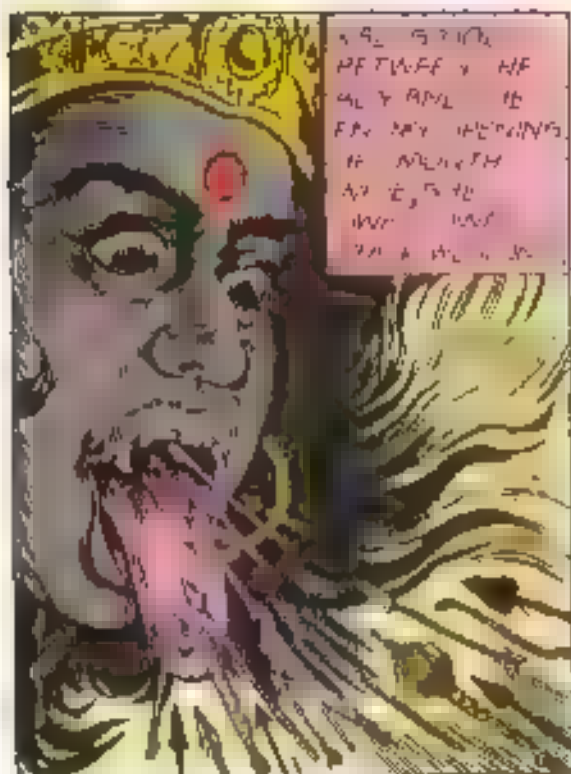
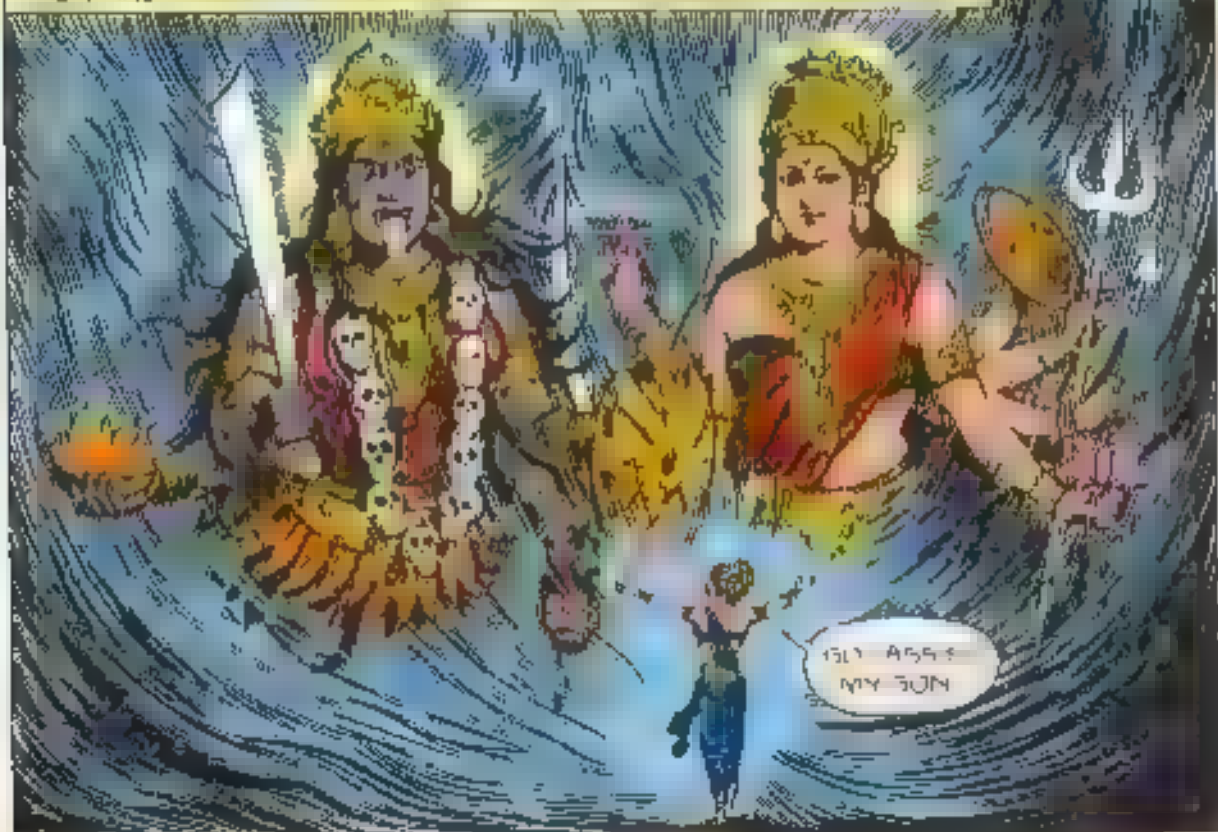




THE DEVIAS, ED BY INIINA AND THE CANAS, BY KAR A FVO,
 FEL UPIN THE BOY FROM ALL DIRECTIONS



THEN AND THERE WE CREATED THE TWO SHIPS A KAL AND BLINK



A LITTLE
BEFORE HE
WAS A LITTLE
FOR MY WEDDING
IN NORTH
AND I WAS
WAS WAS
WAS A LITTLE



AND I'LL TELL YOU



INDRA AND HIS DEVAS WERE MERE EARTH



EVEN KARKI, WHO HAD KILLED THE INVINCIBLE TRISHUL, WAS HELPLESS

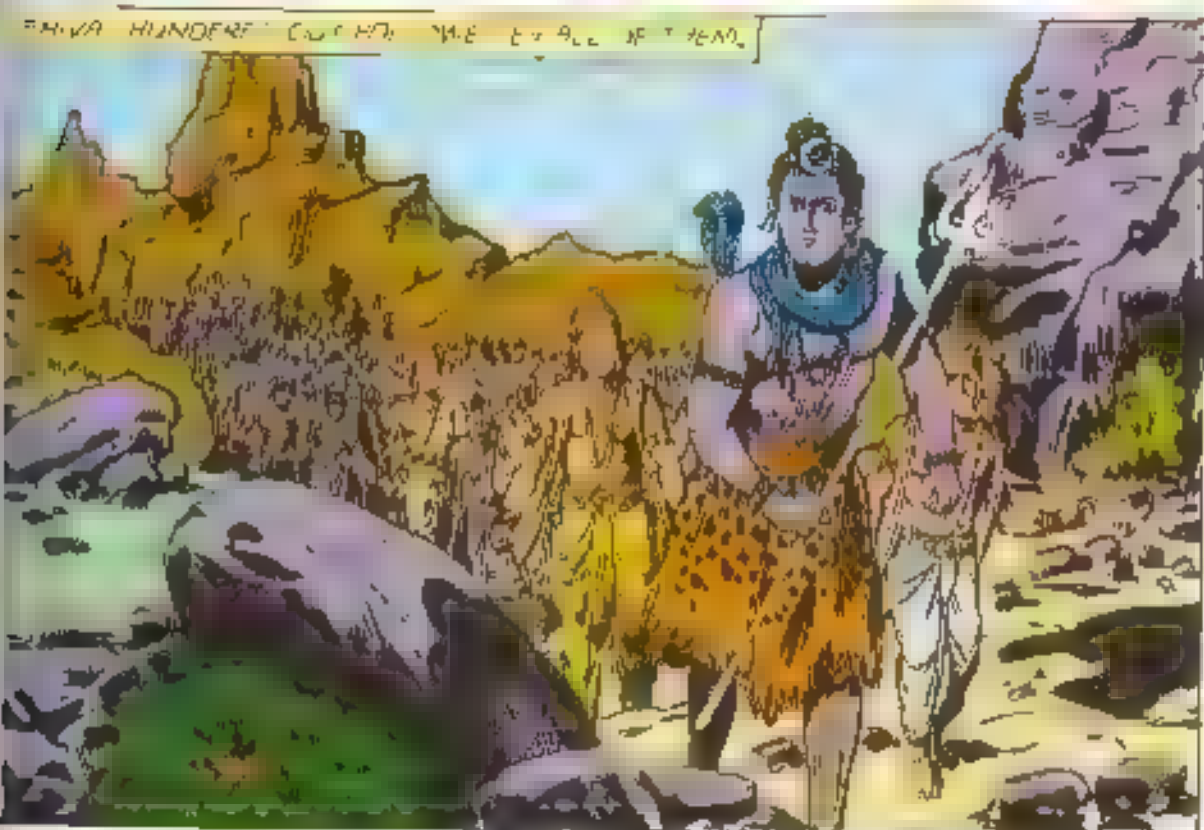


THEY HAD COME

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

IS IT
SHOULD
BE





UNFETTERED BY THE FIGHT OF SHIVA, THE BOY ATTACKED ALL THE LING GODS AND BY JUNE THEY FELT



AS SHIVA WATCHED HIM FIGHT, HE WAS AMAZED

HE IS INVINCIBLE
HE CAN ONLY BE
KILLED BY CUNNING
MUST WATCH FOR
AN OPPORTUNITY

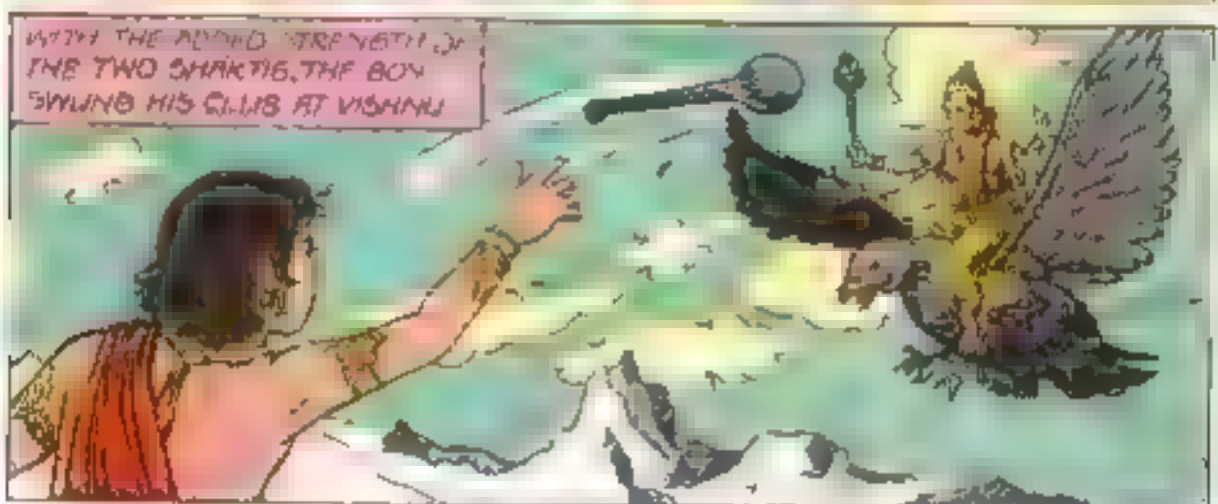
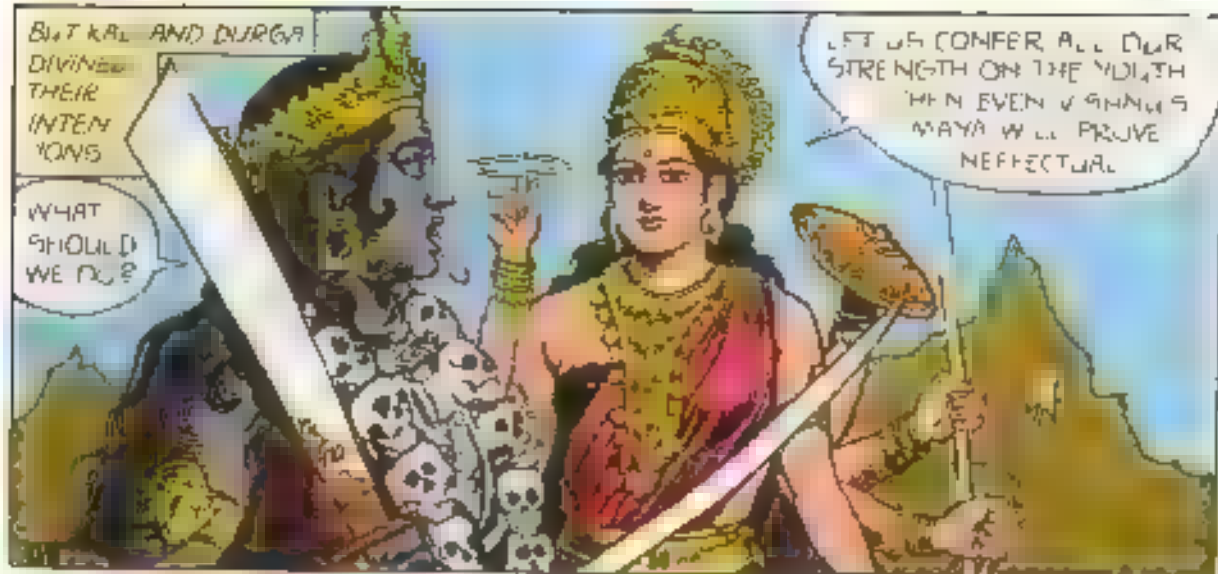


THE SAME THOUGHT HAD STRUCK
VISHNU TOO HE SPOKE TO SHIVA

SHIVA, USE MY
POWERS OF
DECESSION TO
FIGHT HIM, IF
YOU PERMIT ME

YOU MAY
THAT IS THE
ONLY WAY







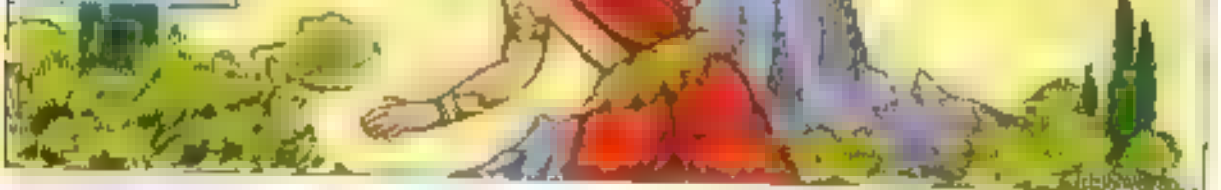
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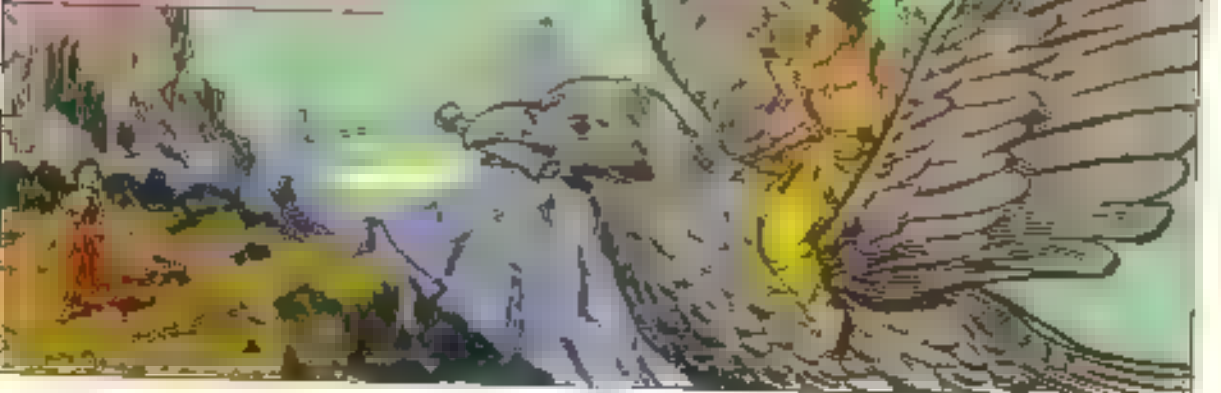
HIS FLOCK WAS THE
THE RICHMAN'S



THE BOY FEED HIS
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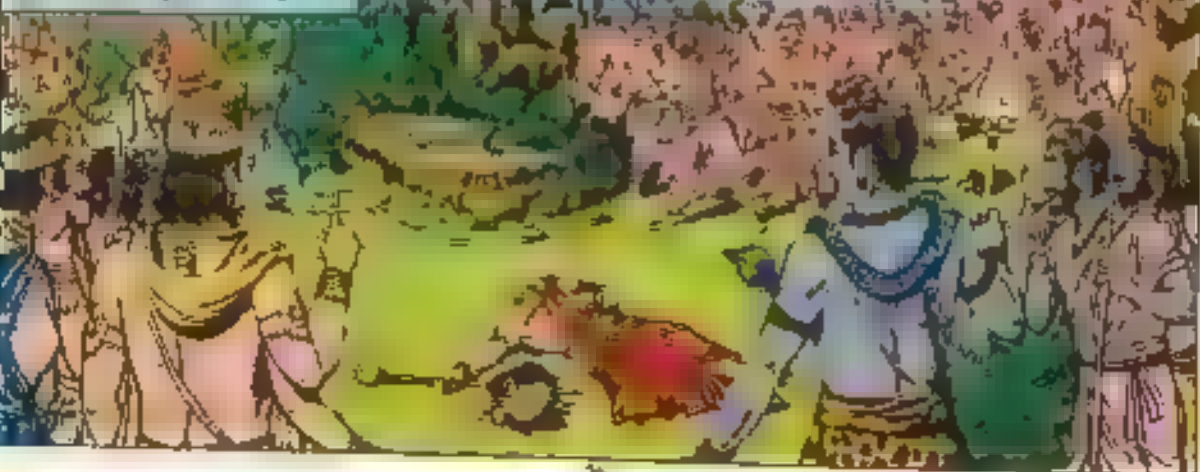
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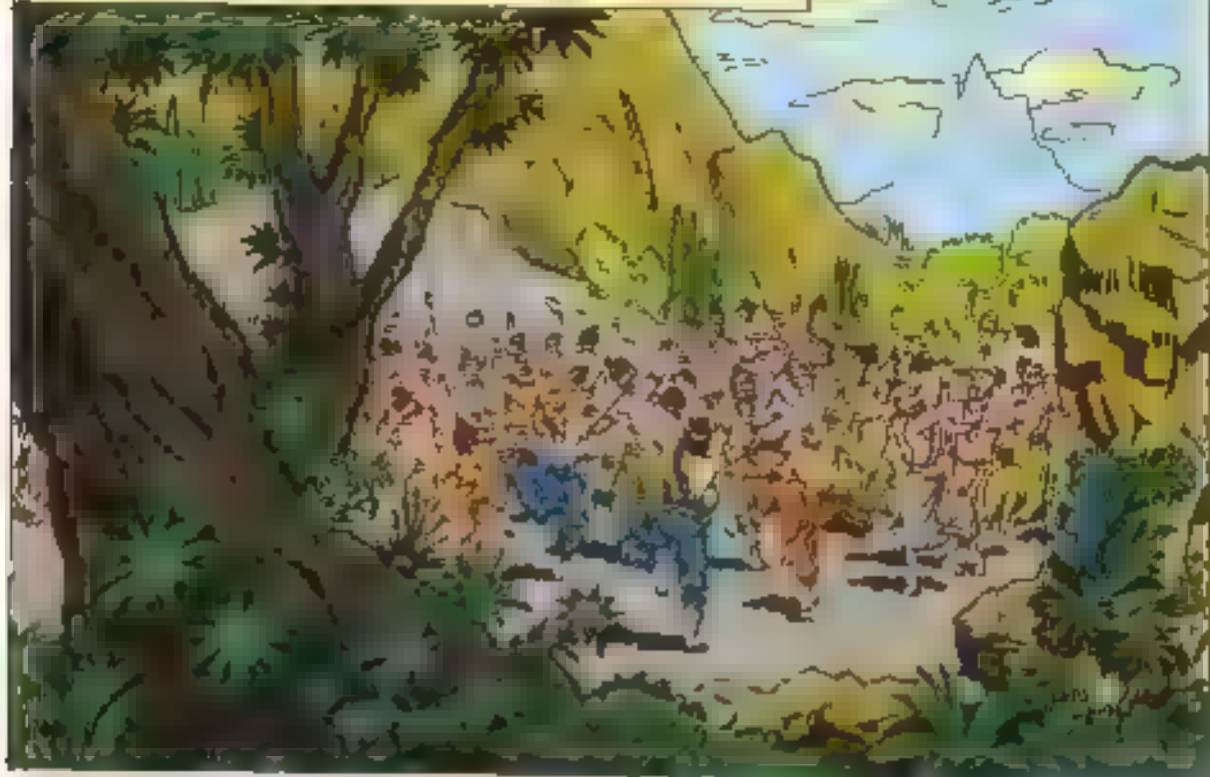
THAN, HE THE H. WENT TO THE
HIT A SPINNING WHEEL



IT IS A WOMAN ALL BY HERSELF
V. THE V. A. AND HER



THEN THE DEVAS AND THE GANAS BECAME JUBILANT



BUT SHIVA WAS ANGRY



ALSO 'WHAT HAVE
I DONE? WHY SHALL
FACE PARVATI? HE
WAS CREATED BY
HER THAT MADE
HIM MY SON TOO

MEANWHILE, WHEN PARVATI LEARNED
OF HER SON'S DEATH -

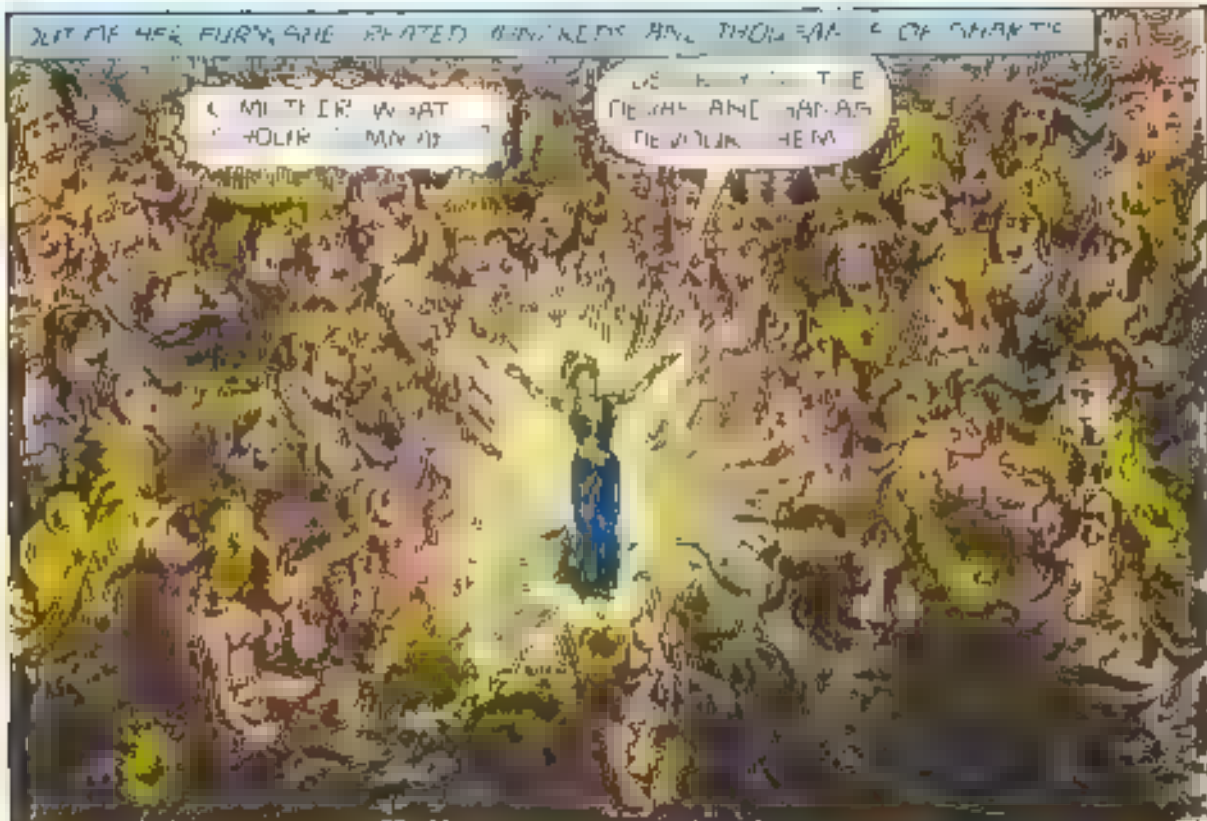


MY SON WAS KILLED
BY UNFAIR MEANS,
FOR THE DEVAS AND GANAS
SHALL ALL DIE

LET OF HER FURY, SHE RELATED HER KIDS AND THOSE OF SHANTY

LET ME TELL WHAT
YOUR MIND IS

LET ME TELL
THEY ARE THE
THEY ARE THE



THE SHANTY IMMEDIATELY LET ABOUT CARP AND IN
THE WINDY AIR THE TWO WERE TERRIFIED



PARVATI MUST
BE PLEASED

THEY PROPITIATED PARVATI AND PLEADED FOR MERCY.

O GREAT GODDESS,
HAVE MERCY ON US.
WE SHALL ACCOMPLISH
WHATEVER YOU ASK
OF US. FORGIVE US.

I WILL, BUT
MY SON MUST
REGAIN HIS LIFE AND
MUST HAVE AN HONOUR-
ABLE STATUS
AMONG YOU.

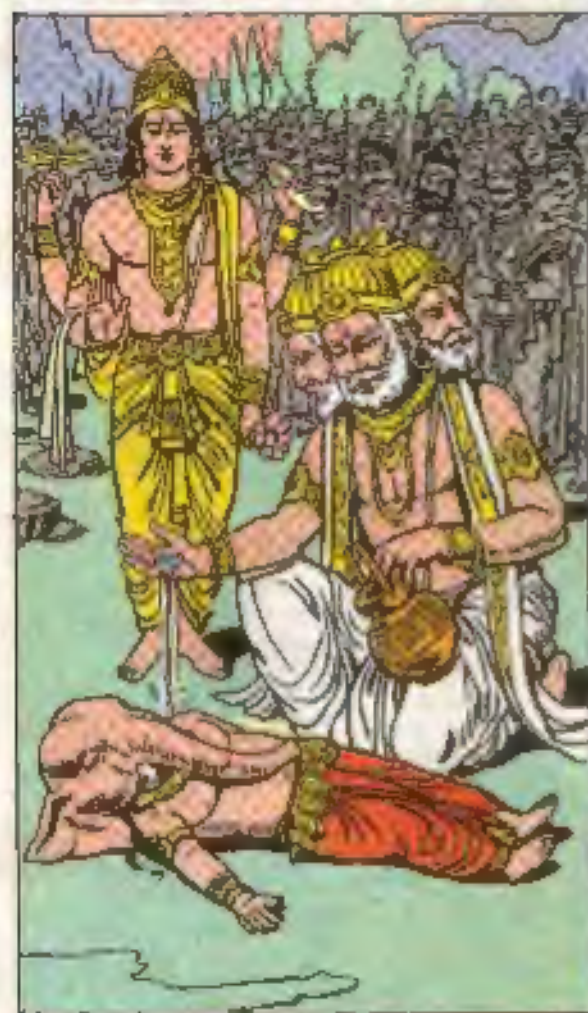
THEY WENT TO SPEND AND PUT
PARVATI'S CONDITIONS BEFORE HIM.

IT SHALL BE DONE,
FOR THE SAKE OF
PEACE AND HAPPINESS.

GO NORTH, BRING THE
HEAD OF THE FIRST CREA-
TURE THAT CROSSES
YOUR PATH. FIT THAT
HEAD TO THE BOY'S
BODY AND IT WILL
COME TO LIFE.



IT WAS A SINGLE-TUSKED ELEPHANT THAT MET THEM



THEY BROUGHT THE HEAD BACK AND FITTED IT TO THE BODY OF THE BOY.



THE BOY SAT UP.



AT THAT MOMENT INDRA AND THE OTHER GODS LED SHIVA TO HER.



SHIVA BOWED BEFORE PARVATI.

FORGIVE ME, PARVATI. ARROGANCE IS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MALE. THIS VALIANT YOUTH SHALL BE ANOTHER SON OF MINE.



THEN SHIVA PLACED HIS HAND ON THE BOY'S HEAD.

EVEN AS A MERE BOY YOU SHOWED GREAT VALOUR. YOU SHALL BE GANESHA, THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF ALL MY GANAS. YOU SHALL BE WORTHY OF WORSHIP FOREVER, YOU SHALL ALSO BE CALLED VIGHNESHWARA, THE QUELLER OF OBSTACLES.



SHIVA AND PARVATI ONCE AGAIN BEGAN TO LIVE HAPPILY IN THEIR ABODE AT MOUNT KAILAS, DELIGHTED BY THE PRESENCE OF THEIR TWO SONS. TO THIS DAY, BEFORE ANY VENTURE IS UNDERTAKEN, IT IS GANESHA WHO IS INVOKED AND WHOSE BLESSINGS ARE SOUGHT.